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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Status of Claims*

1. The Applicant's after-final response, filed 01/22/2008, has been considered, but does not place the application in condition for allowance. The Applicant's arguments are substantially similar to the arguments filed in response to the first office action on the merits and continue to be unpersuasive. Additionally, new claim 13 and amended claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-9, and 11-12 would require an additional search. Accordingly, claims 1-13 remain rejected.
2. Furthermore, the Examiner asserts that no agreement was reached during the interview on January 18, 2008. Contents of the discussion are provided on the interview summary form.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas M. Hammond III whose telephone number is 571-270-1829. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:00AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on 571-272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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